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ARTICLES TO BE INQVIRED OF

Within the Dioces and Iurisdiction of Peterburgh, *at the visitation of the* reuerend Father in God THOMAS, by diuine permission Bishop of *Peterburgh*. This present yeare 1620.

AND PRESENTMENT

to be made thereof, at this present visitation by the Church wardens and Side-men, for that purpose lawfully appointed, and hereafter in Visitations Synods, or elsewhere within the Iurisdiction aforesaid, at any other time and place, when occasions shall be.

With particular answere to euery Article.

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The tenour of the Oath to be minis-tred to the Church-wardens and Sworne-men.

YOu ſhall ſweare, that all affection, fauour, hatred, hope of reward and gaine, or feare of diſpleaſure, or malice ſet aſide, you ſhall vpon due conſideration of the Articles giuen you in charge, preſent all and euery ſuch perſon of or within your Pariſh, as hath committed any offence mentioned in theſe or any of theſe Articles, or which are vehemently ſuſpected, and defamed of any ſuch offence: wherein you ſhall diſcharge your conſciences vprightly, and according to truth, neither of malice preſenting any contrary to truth, nor of corrupt affection ſparing to preſent any, and ſo conceale the truth, hauing in this action God before your eies, with an earneſt zeale to maintaine truth, and to ſuppreſſe vice: So helpe you God, and by the contents of this Booke.

God ſaue the King.

ARTICLES,

Inprimis, whether your Parſon Vicar or Curate, be lawfully licenſed in writing to preach, And be diligent & painefull in preaching, and do preach euery Sunday, according to the law in that behalfe?

2. Item whether, he reuerently ſaie or reade the whole diuine publique ſeruice euery Sunday and holiday, and adminiſter the holy Sacraments according to the booke of common praier without any alteration or omiſſion of any parte thereof.

3 Item, whether doth he at euery time that he doth celebrate diuine publique ſeruice and in the adminiſtration of the holy Sacraments weare the ſurplice (and alſo A Hoode anſwerable to his degrée if he be a Graduate) and vſe and obſerue other the rites and ceremonies, appointed by the lawes now in force and particularly the croſſe in Baptiſme, the ring in marriage, and to adminiſter the holy Communion to thoſe onely that kneele at the time of receiuing thereof.

4 Item, whether haue you a comely Pulpit, well placed within your church, a decent Table, on a frame, for the holy Communion with a a faire linnen cloth, to lay vpon the ſame and ſome Carpet or couering of ſilke, buckram, or ſuch like for

couer of Silner, for the same, and a decent large surplice with sleeues, one booke of the whole Bible in the largest volume in English, a Communion booke, the two tomes of homilies, A poore mans box, A chest with three locks, and all other things necessary and appointed to be had by lawfull authority.

5 Item, whether haue you had monthly sermons, at the least in your parish Church, if your Minister be no preacher licensed: and weekely if he be a licensed preacher, and whether are the homilies read when their is no sermon.

6 Item, whether is your Parson, or Vicar, knowne, or by common fame noted to haue come to his benefice by Simony, or to follow lay and secular trades and courses, thereby neglecting or leauing his calling of the Ministery, or the due performance thereof.

7 Item, whether any person not being Deacon is suffered to say diuine seruice in your Church, or to administer the holy Sacraments or to marrie any Persons, or to bury the dead, and whether doth any take vpon them to preach, or to serue the Cure with you, that doe not once in the yeare at the least, celebrate diuine publique seruice, himselfe in the Church, and administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper according to the forme of the booke of common praier?

8 Item, whether your Parson, or Vicar, though he haue a Curate, yet doth he himselfe twise in each yeare, on two seuerall Sundaies, both forenoone and after noone, celebrate diuine publique seruice, and as often in each yeare administer the holy Sacrament of Baptisme and the Lords Supper?

9 Item, whether your parson or Vicar be continually resident vpon his benefice, and whether he hath any more benefices, or cures then one, and if he haue, whether then doth hee keepe such a Curate as is a preaching Minister, and lawfully licensed, vpon, and at, that benefice where himselfe your said Parson or Vicar, doth not dwell, reside, or continue?

10. Item, whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, haue publiquely or otherwise spoken, against the order or gouernement of the Church of England, or the booke of common praier established by law?

11 Item, whether your Minister do vse to pray, for the

ſame title and ſtile due to his Maieſty, ſet downe and expreſſed in the booke of Cannons lately eſtabliſhed: and doe vſe at or before his ſermon the ſame forme of praier ſet downe in the 55 Canon?

12 Item, whether your Miniſter doth not openly in the Church catechize ſuch as be of conuenient age according to the order ſet forth in the booke of common praier, by the ſpace of halfe an howre before euening praier, euery ſunday and holliday, and who be negligent in comming to be catechiſed?

13. Item hath your Miniſter refuſed or delaied, to chriſten any childe, or children with in your pariſh which haue after ied vnbaptized, or doe refuſe or delay to bury any dead corps?

14 Item, whether all perſons aboue 16. yeeres of age, do repaire to the Church vpon ſundaies and holidaies, and whether any haue abſented themſelues from Church, or from diuine publique ſeruice there celebrated, contrary to the law, and how many ſeuerall times within the yeare laſt, and who hath ſo done: and whether any haue omitted to receiue the holy communion, thrice at the leaſt euery yeare, whereof once to be at Eaſter and that kneeling reuerently, as by law they are bound, and who they be that doe not ſo receiue kneeling, or not thrice in each yeare?

15 Item, doe you know any that doe with hold any ſtocke, or goods belonging to the Church, and whether any lands, goods, or chattells, belonging to the Church be vſed and imployed, as by law they ought to be?

16 Item, doe you know any common ſwearer, drunkard or blaſphemer, any ſimoniacall perſon, or any broker or mediator in or for ſimony, any Vſurer, Witch, Coniurer, Southſaier, Charmer, inquirable by Eccleſiaſticall lawes, anie fornicator, Adulterer, inceſtuous perſon, or any that harbored incontinent perſons, and cauſed or ſuffered them to depart without doing penance, or any vehemently ſuſpected or by common fame noted or infamed of any ſuch crimes?

17 Item, Whether any doe practiſe Phiſicke or Chirurgery, or any Schoolemaſter doth teach, or any Curate ſerue the Cure within your pariſh, without licenſe of his Ordinary vnder his authenticke ſeale or no?

fend hereſies ſchiſmes or falſe doctrine?

19 Item, whether doe you know any perſon excommunicated in your pariſh, doth your Miniſter denounce him, and all other excommunicated perſons, euery halfe yeare in your pariſh church, or chappell, beſides the firſt denouncing of them, and whether doth any ſuch excommunicated perſon, repaire to the Church to heare diuine ſeruice or ſermons: And whether any in your pariſh do kéepe company with, or ſet on worke any ſuch excommunicate perſon, and what be there names that doe ſo?

20 Item, Whether your Church or Chancell, or the Stéeple, Bells, Seats, Leads, Pauement, Glaſſe-windowes, Roofe, or Walles of the ſame, or the Perſonage or Vicaredge houſes, be ruinous or decaied, and by whoſe default: And whether is your Church-yard cleanely kept, and the walls and mounds of your Church yard in good and ſufficient repaire?

21 Item, do you know of any that vſe conuentickles, or méetings, for expounding of ſcriptures, or ſaying of prayers, in priuate houſes or places?

22 Item, whether you know within your pariſh anie receiuers of Ieſuits, Seminarie or Maſſing Preiſts, and what be the names and ſurnames of all recuſants or halfe recuſants that come not to Church to diuine ſeruice, or if they doe that yet doe not receiue the holy Communion, as by Law they ought?

23 Item, whether you know any perſon within your Pariſh, ordered by law, to do penance, or excommunicate for not doing the ſame, that hath omitted or eſcaped, from doing the ſame, or that hauing done penance, doth ſtill continue in, or againe commit his former ſinne in the like?

24 Item, whether If you haue any in your pariſh, married within the degrees of conſanguinity or affinity, forbidden by the law, or haue beene married without the publique aſking of baines thrice their or being contracted do liue ſuſpiciouſly without marriage?

25 Item, whether any haue quarrelled, brawled, fought, or vſed violence in your Church, or church-yard, or haue kept open their ſhop-windowes or doores, or ſould or bought any

ſeruice: or haue receiued any into their houſe, to eat drinke or plaie in the time of ſermon or diuine ſeruice, or haue adminiſtred vpon the goods of the dead without authority from the ordinary, or that detaine any legacies giuen to the poore, or to Godly vſes?

26 Item, whether the Regiſter booke of marriages, chriſtnings and burials, within your pariſh, be made of parchment and be kept and read and alſo ſubſcribed, euery ſabboth day, and other things concerning the ſame be obſerued, according to the late Canons, made and eſtabliſhed by authority in that behalfe?

27 Item, whether in the Rogation weeke, the perambulation in your Pariſh hath beene gone euery yeare, as by law it ought, or in whoſe default it hath not.

28 Item, whether any in your pariſh haue couered his head, in time of diuine ſeruice contrary to the 18. Canon, any that doe not kneele at the ſaying of the generall confeſſion, Letany ten Commandements, and other praiers read in your ſaid Church; any that do not ſtand vp at the ſaying of the beleife, or not bowe and vſe reuerence, when in the time of diuine ſeruice, the name of Ieſus is read or mentioned.

29 Item, whether any come late or negligently to church, to publique praiers, or depart before diuine ſeruice or ſermon is ended.

30 Item, whether the 5. of Auguſt, and the 5. of Nouember be obſerued according as is ordained in that behalfe.

31 Item, whether their be any married woman deliuered of childe, that hath not beene churched, or made publique thankſgiuing according to lawe.

32 Item, whether any that be contracted in marriage, do defer the ſolemnization thereof, or any being married that doe liue apart or not together as by law they ought.

33 Item, haue your old church wardens or any before them, omitted to make a true and perfect accompt to the pariſh of their ſaid office, haue they concealed or omitted any offences preſentable, and puniſhable by the eccleſiaſticall Lawes, or the comman fame of them: haue you A booke wherein the names of all ſtrange preachers that preach in your pariſh are

regiſtred or written and is it kept and vſed, and ſubſcribed according to lawe in that behalfe ?

34 Item, whether you doe know any other matter worthie of preſentment aboue not expreſſed yea or no ? which you ſhall likewiſe preſent, by vertue of your oathes, with the names and ſurnames, of all ſuch as haue in them or anie of them offended, or by common fame ſo thought to haue offended ?

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